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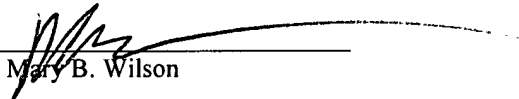
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on March 16, 2006 for the above-identified application. The shortened statutory deadline for response to the Office Action was June 16, 2006. Applicant hereby requests a two-month extension of time from June 16, 2006 to and including August 16, 2006. With the extension, the deadline for reply is August 16, 2006. Thus, the filing of this response on August 16, 2006 is timely. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.

Conclusions begin on page 34 of this paper.

This Amendment is believed to be in compliance with the Revised Amendment Format published in the Federal Register on June 30, 2003 (68 FR 38611), and therefore to be exempt from the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(a)-(d).